

Whereas, on July 11, 2003, the families and friends of Gene Gieselmann and William P. “Bill” Hopfinger, both residents of St. Louis County, Missouri, will celebrate the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the opening of their first office; and

Whereas, Gene Gieselmann and Bill Hopfinger opened a small, out-patient physical therapy facility on Hampton Avenue in South St. Louis City on July 15, 1978, with Bill’s mother serving as their first secretary; and

Whereas, Gene Gieselmann and Bill Hopfinger wanted to combine traditional physical therapy and athletic training techniques in an out-patient setting, an endeavor which had never been attempted in the St. Louis area; and

Whereas, since its inception, the St. Louis Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Network has grown to include a network of 11 physical therapy clinics, 8 hand therapy clinics, and a home health agency with more than 170 employees, and has become the oldest and largest independent provider of out-patient rehabilitative services in the St. Louis metropolitan area; and

Whereas, a true pioneer in sports medicine in St. Louis, Gene Gieselmann currently serves as Vice President of the St. Louis Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Network; and

Whereas, Gene Gieselmann is exceedingly proud of his active affiliation with such important organizations as the Missouri Athletic Trainers Association; and

Whereas, Gene Gieselmann is the former Athletic Trainer for the St. Louis Cardinals Baseball Team and Head Athletic Trainer for the ABC Wide World of Sports Superstars Competition; and

Whereas, Gene Gieselmann has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife, Roseanne, and his stepson, Jonathan Bushman:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Gene Gieselmann as he proudly celebrates twenty-five years of unparalleled service to sports medicine and to the St. Louis community; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Gene Gieselmann, as a mark of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Jim Avery
District No. 95

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker